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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I respectfully wish to register my strong opposition to granting the US Telecom Association petition for forbearance from the line sharing requirements of the 1996 Telecommunication Act.

I own a small consulting business and reliable Internet access at competitive prices is vital. Years ago I choose a small, local company as my Internet provider via DSL. My choice was based on price and quality of service. Over the years I was never disappointed. In addition to providing reliable service and all the features I need, the company is very responsive to any question or problem I may have.

Should this and other local companies no longer be able to operate, the Internet environment in my community will become a duopoly restricting my choice to AT&T or Comcast. Clearly, this is not a particularly competitive situation. And this is in Davis, California, home of a large University of California campus and close to the large urban center of Sacramento.

I urge you to deny the US Telecom Association forbearance petition.

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